

Palm Sunday– March 28, 2021

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Procession with Palms

P Please move outdoors, maintaining proper distancing for the Palm Blessing. If you did not pre-print your blessing service, we have provided a few copies.

Holy Week Prayer

P Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

Recorded Anthem or Solo

“What Wondrous Love Is This?”

1 What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

2 When I was sinking down,
sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down
beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown
for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

3 To God and to the Lamb
I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb,
who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

4 And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing
on;
and when from death I'm free,
I'll sing God's love for me,
and through eternity
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and through eternity I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. ² Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." ³ Then the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴ Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." ⁵ But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

⁶ Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. ⁷ Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. ⁸ So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. ⁹ Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" ¹⁰ For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. ¹¹ But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. ¹² Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" ¹³ They shouted back, "Crucify him!" ¹⁴ Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" ¹⁵ So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

¹⁶ Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. ¹⁷ And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. ¹⁸ And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ¹⁹ They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. ²⁰ After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

²¹ They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. ²² Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). ²³ And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. ²⁴ And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. ²⁵ It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶ The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." ²⁷ And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹ Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰ save yourself, and come down from the cross!" ³¹ In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³² Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

³³ When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴ At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ³⁵ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." ³⁶ And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." ³⁷ Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸ And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹ Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!" This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C Praise to you, O Christ.**

At this time the children may move to the Fellowship Hall for their lesson.



Sermon

Hymn of the Day

“Go to Dark Gethsemene”

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

P Christ the King of kings has given his life as an intercession on our behalf. Let us now intercede for all who need our prayers.

AM For those who have tasted God's grace in Christ's self-sacrifice, Lord have mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**

AM For those whose decisions mean life or death for others, that their judgement be wise and merciful, Lord have mercy, **C** **Hear our prayer.**

AM For our precious planet, that all may inhabit it in dignity and joy, Lord have mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**

AM For any other needs that are on our hearts...(silence for a time) Lord have mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**

AM That mutual respect shape every human interaction, Lord have mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**

AM For St. Paul's, that all our events and programs touch hearts with God's blessings, Lord have mercy, **C** **Hear our prayer.**

P For all these, and all else you see that we need, we offer our prayers in humble confidence. **C** **Amen.**

P Please turn towards others and offer them some sign of Peace.



The Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Sanctus

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

C **Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,**

on earth as it is in heaven.

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen**

Communion

***Please open and receive your communion elements at this time.
Wrappers can be left in the wastebaskets on your way out.***

P The Body of Christ, given for you. C Amen.

P The Blood of Christ, shed for you. C Amen.



P The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ Strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

Post Communion Prayer

P Let us pray: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you, and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. C Amen

Blessing

P The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you, the Lord look upon you with favor, and give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Savior, When in Dust to You”

Dismissal

AM Go now in peace, to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors.

C Amen.

Postlude

When you depart, please exit through the door marked “Exit,” moving through the narthex and to your cars while maintaining a safe distance from your fellow Christians.

Please exit from the back pews first as directed by the ushers.

Thank you for coming. May God’s peace be yours today.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below.

Jim Abbott
Laurie Abbott
Francine Ahrens
Pat Alexander
Robert & Mel Andrighetti
Chuck Andersen
Vinnie Aparo
Edie Balkun
Irene Barillaro
Elana Barkasy
Raymond Bazzolo
Judith (Ross) Beatty
Kevin Belkofer & Family
Karen Bell
Jim Bement
Rebecca Bement
Nancy Bent
Richard Bertoli
Gurvinder Bharara
Armando Binelli
Brian & Lisa Bodnar
Joe Brancato
George Bruno
Brusseau Family
Eddie Burns
Theo & Victoria Camara
Peter Carbone, Sr.
Joe Casagni
Liz Clinton
Jill Cochrhne
Nancy Colon
Cheryl and Rich Corey
Wayne Crossman
Barry Demkar
Sigrid Devita
Melissa Dias
Doris & Dutch Deitman
Delores Derwitsch
Gerard Doll
Irene Douglas
Betsy Durstin
Diane & Paul Edwards
Judy Elliott
Bruce & Liz Falls
Christy Ferro
Holly Florio
Ed Ford
Mary Lynn Gagnon
Gabby Gerkin
Bob & Ann Gioscia
Carol Gesner
Pastor Wayne Gollenberg
Connie & Don Gugenheim
Wayne Hall
Owen Hanecak
Erica Haraldsen
Alexis Heintz
Bill Heintz
Brad Herzberg
Jim Hornfischer

Vicki Jene
Jenn Johnson & Family
Bob Jones
Ed Killingbeck
Lynn Killingbeck
Burke LaClair
Jeff Lajoie and family
Lori Ledone & family
Rebecca Little
Tommy Locascio
Rita Lundeen
Ida Mallet
Mervin Mank
Cynthia Marine
Richard Marine
Bob & Lynn Milano
Bernice Miller
Ruth Mohlenhoff
Lonnie & Rose Moranino
Richard Mortlock
Carolyn Mosher
Denise Murphy
Doris Murphy
Michael Meyers
Dennis Nalette
Ron Nurnberg
Greg O'Brien
Tom O'Brien
Cindy O'Dell
Bruce and Kathy Panella
Gary Parker
Wally Pence
Marge Raspiller
Pat Reiley
Pastor Sharon Riessinger-
Blezard
Grant Robinson
Mary Rolfe
Elfrieda Roller
Dave Roskopf
Tom Seleman
Chris Samele
Tom & Marianne Sedgwick
Rosemary Schibi
Jay Shaw
Linda Shaw
Tricia Sherwin
Bob Sienko
Marge Skaret
Richard Stanhope
Jon Sterling
Reid Underwood
Russ Wilmot
Jean Marie Witt
Anna Woike

Karen
Katherine
Helen
JO
Jaiden
Mike
Curran
Diane
Jen
Charlie
Michelle
Jessica
Donna L.
Rich S.
Dustin
Skylar
Andrea
Kayleigh
Linda H.
Diane, Kayla, and family
Bob
Shannon H.
Karen M.
Ora
Sharon
Mason
Louis F.
Katherine T.
Joyce-Ann
Maryann Z.
Diane
Jack
Max
Lisa
Erin and Family
Tom D.
Pam
Miguel
Jack & Barbara
Lorraine
Clarence and Priscilla
Paula
Larry V.
Diane H.
Clinton L.
The Maxwell Family
The Loomis Family

Our Nursing Home Members

Doug Little
Vinetta Nigels
Doris Houk
Dee Gammon
Richard Regner
Marilyn Duteau

Our Military Friends

Lord Jesus, Savior of the World and King of Peace, watch over our sons and daughters in the service of their Country. Protect them from the physical and moral dangers. Keep them close to you and help them live the commandments. Lord, Jesus give them courage to serve their country with honor and dignity. Be with them when they are in danger; strengthen them when they face hardship. Above all Lord, grant that when their service is finished that they may return to us, sound in mind, body and soul. Amen.

Pvt. Brennan Thompson
Tyler Quinn
Eric Beyus
Major Zachary Fulton
Brandan Holbrook
Jonathan Connell
Tom Gregg, Jr.
Brion Olivero
Eric Bremer
Peter Hutchinson
S/W Anderson James
Ernst USCG
PFC Dominic Boscarino

The Nygren/Miller Family & Friends of Barbara Miller

If you place a name on the Prayer List, it is your responsibility to let the office know either by Prayer of Concerns form in the Narthex, e-mail or a quick phone call, once per month if the name needs to remain on the list. Thank you.

Please be sure to register for Holy Week Services on Realm. If you cannot access Realm, please email or call the office to register. Thank you!



Holy Week Schedule

March 28–April 4, 2021

Palm Sunday

10:00 am starting outside* with palms and a hymn.

Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm indoors including communion and stripping of altar.

Good Friday

6:45 pm, all outside* with singing of hymns and reflections on the 7 Last Words of Christ from the Cross.

Easter Sunday

6:15 am in garden * with Kevin Ross.
10:00 am Inside Festive Eucharist.

**All outside events are weather permitting.*



“Sock it to ‘em”

St. Paul’s Women of the ELCA
invites you to contribute ...

NEW Socks in all Sizes and Colors

for those in our community who need it most.
To be given through local agencies.

🧦 Community Soup Kitchen 🧦 Friendly Hands 🧦
FISH Shelter 🧦 Gathering Place 🧦

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